



THE SALVATION FROM FITNAH IS KHILĀFAH AND JIHĀD

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He replied, ‘The sword [meaning jihād].’

I said, ‘O Rasūlullāh, what will come about thereafter?’

He said, ‘If Allah has a khalīfah upon the Earth and he strikes your back and takes your wealth, then obey him, otherwise die while you are biting upon the stump of a tree.’

I said, ‘Then what?’

He said, ‘Then the Dajjāl will emerge with a river and fire. Whosoever enters into his fire, his reward is incumbent and his sin will be cast away. And whosoever enters into his river, his punishment will be incumbent, and his reward will be cast away.’

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He said, ‘then will be the establishment of the Hour.’”
(Musnad Imam Ahmad & Abu Dawud)